



S.No	HIPAA Identifier	Description	Subjective Example
1	Names	Any name that identifies a patient.	John Smith visited the clinic for a check-up.
2	Geographic subdivisions smaller than a state	Street address, city, county, precinct, Zip code (with limited exceptions).	Patient lives at 123 Main Street, Dallas, TX 75201.
3	Dates related to an individual	Birth date, admission date, discharge date, date of death, and ages over 89 (except year in most cases).	Date of Birth: March 15, 1985; admitted on June 10, 2026.
4	Telephone numbers	Home, work, or mobile phone numbers.	(555) 123-4567
5	Fax numbers	Any fax number associated with the patient.	(555) 987-6543
6	Email addresses	Personal or work email addresses.	john.smith@email.com
7	Social Security numbers	Government-issued SSNs.	123-45-6789
8	Medical record numbers	Unique number assigned to a patient's medical record.	MRN: 45678901
9	Health plan beneficiary numbers	Insurance member or beneficiary ID numbers.	Insurance ID: H123456789
10	Account numbers	Billing or financial account numbers.	Patient Account No.: 987654321
11	Certificate or license numbers	Driver's license, professional license, or certification numbers.	Driver's License: D12345678
12	Vehicle identifiers and serial numbers	License plates or vehicle identification numbers	License Plate: ABC-1234
13	Device identifiers and serial numbers	Serial numbers of medical devices or implants.	Pacemaker Serial No.: PM987654
14	Web URLs	Personal or organization websites that identify the patient.	www.johnsmithhealth.com
15	Internet Protocol (IP) addresses	Computer or device IP addresses.	192.168.1.100
16	Biometric identifiers	Fingerprints, voiceprints, retinal scans, or facial recognition data.	Fingerprint scan used for patient identification
17	Full-face photographs and comparable images	Photos or images that can identify a person.	Patient's passport-style facial photograph in the medical record.
18	Any other unique identifying number, characteristic, or code	Any identifier that could reasonably identify the patient.	Clinical Study ID: PT-2026-001 linked to the patient.

To qualify as de-identified health information under HIPAA's Safe Harbor method, these 18 identifiers must generally be removed so that the information cannot reasonably be used to identify the individual.

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